

TEXAS

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TEXAS POPULATION GROWS ONLY MODERATELY IN '88

1988 Population Estimates Available

The U. S. Census Bureau recently released July 1988 population estimates for Texas counties. These estimates show that many Texas counties and MSA's lost population between 1987 and 1988. Overall, however, the State still recorded an upward trend in population, gaining 59,000 residents between July 1987 and July 1988.

Among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas in Texas, only three MSA's showed more than a two percent growth rate during the year—all of them border areas. Laredo recorded a 2.5 percent gain, while both El Paso and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission showed 2.1 percent increases. The biggest percentage decrease occurred in Abilene, which declined by 1.5 percent over the year.

Despite the modest population increase during the past year, growth rates between 1980 and 1988 were still relatively strong, with only one MSA, Beaumont-Port Arthur, losing population. The largest percentage gains are shown on the **Chart on Page 3**. More information by MSA or County may be obtained from the ERA Department, Texas Employment Commission, Austin, TX 78778, or by calling (512) 463-2841.

Unemployment Drops Seasonally

The actual Statewide jobless rate declined from 7.2 percent in August to 6.3 percent in September, as students and other unsuccessful summer jobseekers withdrew from the labor force. Total unemployment in the actual series dropped by over 88,000 over the month, to a level of 521,000 in mid-September. Total employment also declined between August and September, push-

ing the civilian labor force total down by over 150,000. There were an estimated 7,744,600 Texans with jobs in mid-September—very close to the level recorded a year ago. An estimated 226,000 of these were agricultural workers.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate decreased even more sharply between August and September, from 7.5 percent to 6.3 percent. The year-ago unemployment rate for Texas was 7.1 percent in both series. Rates for the Nation remained basically stable over the month, with the seasonally adjusted rate up from 5.2 percent to 5.3 percent and the actual rate unchanged at 5.1.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep.'89	Aug.'89	Sep.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,828.0	125,444.0	121,842.0
Unemployment	6,330.0	6,352.0	6,368.0
Percent Unemployed	5.1%	5.1%	5.2%
Total Employment	117,498.0	119,092.0	115,474.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,040.0	124,018.0	121,984.0
Unemployment	6,584.0	6,421.0	6,614.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%
Total Employment	117,456.0	117,597.0	115,370.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,265.6	8,452.4	8,340.5
Unemployment	521.0	609.7	591.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.2%	7.1%
Total Employment	7,744.6	7,842.7	7,749.5
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,253.0	8,352.0	8,321.0
Unemployment	516.0	623.0	589.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.5%	7.1%
Total Employment	7,737.0	7,729.0	7,732.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT* TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	SEP.'89*	AUG.'89**	SEP.'88**	SEP.'89*	AUG.'89**	SEP.'88**	SEP.'89*	AUG.'89**	SEP.'88**	SEP.'89*	AUG.'89**	SEP.'88**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,600	48,600	49,600	78,700	73,800	77,300	355,100	345,100	354,300	135,200	134,600	132,200
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,900	8,600	8,600	9,500	41,900	42,000	41,600	25,500	25,600	25,200
Mining	1,800	1,900	2,100	1,200	1,300	1,300	700	700	700	1,900	2,000	1,700
Construction	1,800	1,800	2,100	3,900	4,000	3,800	13,000	13,000	14,500	9,700	9,500	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,400	5,600	5,600	5,600	10,400	10,500	10,400	9,400	9,400	9,500
Trade	13,700	13,700	13,600	22,600	22,300	22,700	76,200	76,100	77,100	32,700	33,000	32,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,300	23,900	23,800	24,300	5,200	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,500	12,800	13,300	17,100	17,500	16,900	86,500	86,400	84,500	30,300	30,900	29,500
Government	8,900	8,400	8,800	13,700	12,500	13,200	102,500	92,600	101,200	20,500	19,100	20,100
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	61,200	60,800	59,400	69,800	69,200	69,000	51,200	48,800	49,200	127,300	126,400	125,000
Manufacturing	16,000	16,200	15,500	10,400	10,400	10,200	3,600	3,600	3,300	11,400	11,400	11,600
Mining	1,900	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	600	600	700	4,000	4,000	4,300
Construction	7,200	7,400	7,000	2,300	2,200	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	9,700	9,700	8,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,700	2,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,500	6,600	6,600
Trade	11,400	11,400	10,900	18,000	18,200	18,100	10,800	10,700	10,900	31,900	32,300	31,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,200	15,500	15,800	15,100	9,200	9,300	9,000	28,800	28,700	29,100
Government	11,300	10,500	11,100	16,900	15,900	16,800	22,000	19,600	20,300	28,000	26,700	27,300
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,356.4	1,347.7	1,340.5	199,700	197,500	195,600	538,000	537,800	530,500	71,800	72,500	71,400
Manufacturing	220.2	220.8	223.4	42,200	42,400	41,500	120,700	121,200	121,000	8,300	8,500	8,000
Mining	17.1	17.3	18.6	—	—	—	3,900	3,900	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	51.1	51.7	53.8	8,200	8,600	9,100	22,900	23,300	22,900	4,800	4,700	4,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	96.7	96.1	92.5	11,000	11,100	10,800	32,200	31,900	30,400	4,600	4,800	4,800
Trade	350.0	350.2	348.7	49,200	48,900	46,400	138,900	139,700	138,100	14,600	14,700	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.0	126.8	129.5	8,500	8,500	8,400	27,500	27,300	26,600	4,100	4,100	4,300
Services & Misc.	342.2	340.5	334.1	39,000	39,200	39,400	123,400	125,100	119,900	14,500	14,800	14,200
Government	153.1	144.3	151.1	41,600	38,800	40,000	68,500	65,500	67,900	20,400	20,400	20,900
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,480.0	1,474.8	1,436.8	72,700	72,200	72,000	41,000	40,100	38,600	66,500	66,400	66,600
Manufacturing	158.4	159.0	155.5	8,600	8,600	8,400	1,900	1,800	1,900	15,300	15,400	15,900
Mining	66.7	66.7	66.8	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	90.6	91.4	89.0	3,300	3,500	3,600	1,200	1,300	1,100	3,000	3,200	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.7	100.9	101.0	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,700	5,500	4,900	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	368.6	368.6	355.3	16,800	16,700	16,600	12,800	12,700	11,100	17,200	17,400	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.8	99.9	101.4	3,100	3,200	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	402.2	402.4	381.0	16,700	16,500	16,300	6,400	6,300	6,300	12,900	12,700	12,400
Government	196.0	186.9	186.9	21,400	20,900	21,200	9,500	9,000	9,800	8,600	8,200	8,300
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	96,200	94,400	94,000	95,500	94,000	93,500	43,900	43,400	44,900	42,300	41,600	43,200
Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,300	14,000	14,100	12,300	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,900	4,000	4,000
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	1,000	9,400	9,400	10,000	5,700	5,600	5,800
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,400	4,300	4,200	4,200	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,800	1,800	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,600	4,800	3,100	3,100	2,900	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,400	28,000	28,200	28,200	28,100	28,900	10,000	10,000	10,200	12,600	12,600	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,600	5,400	3,800	3,800	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,500	23,100	16,300	16,700	15,500	9,400	9,500	9,500	7,200	7,100	7,100
Government	22,500	21,400	21,400	24,900	23,600	25,000	6,700	6,100	6,600	7,400	6,800	7,600
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,000	35,600	36,500	506,300	502,400	501,400	36,800	36,800	37,500	46,500	45,600	44,900
Manufacturing	5,300	5,400	5,400	46,300	47,700	47,800	10,900	11,200	11,200	7,600	7,700	7,400
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,300	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,200	1,500	22,200	22,300	23,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,800	3,100	19,000	19,000	18,900	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	9,100	9,000	9,200	125,800	128,500	129,000	7,800	8,000	7,900	10,800	10,900	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,300	40,300	39,600	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,200	8,100	129,700	129,900	125,300	8,600	8,200	8,600	9,800	9,700	9,500
Government	7,300	6,700	6,900	118,900	112,600	114,700	4,200	4,100	4,400	12,700	11,800	12,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	61,100	60,400	60,300	28,000	27,800	27,300	80,100	78,900	79,500	50,400	50,100	51,000
Manufacturing	10,400	10,400	10,500	3,000	3,100	3,000	15,200	15,200	14,800	8,000	8,100	8,200
Mining	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,200	1,300	1,600	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,200	3,300	3,800	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,400	16,200	16,100	7,600	7,800	7,600	18,900	18,900	18,800	12,100	12,100	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,900	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,700	14,700	6,000	6,000	5,900	21,800	20,700	21,400	12,000	11,900	11,900
Government	9,700	9,200	9,200	5,700	5,100	4,800	12,600	12,500	12,400	9,700	9,300	10,000

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Nonfarm Jobs Up Moderately

Had it not been for gains in the educational sectors as auxiliary staff were hired for the fall semester, total **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** would have declined between August and September. The increases in public and private schools and colleges were the only bright spots within the Nonfarm Salaried Jobs count in September, adding over 50,000 positions. In mid-September, there were an estimated 6,808,100 Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in the State, up 31,700 from the August level, and over 125,000 above the year-ago total.

Despite the growth, every major industry sector except Government and Services exhibited cutbacks in September—additional evidence that the State's economic growth continues to waver.

Government employment gained over 43,000 jobs between August and September, due primarily to the hiring of support staff for public schools and colleges. The majority of the growth was in Local Government, which increased by almost 33,000 in spite of declines due to summer recreational programs ending. The semester's start also generated over 10,000 jobs in State Government.

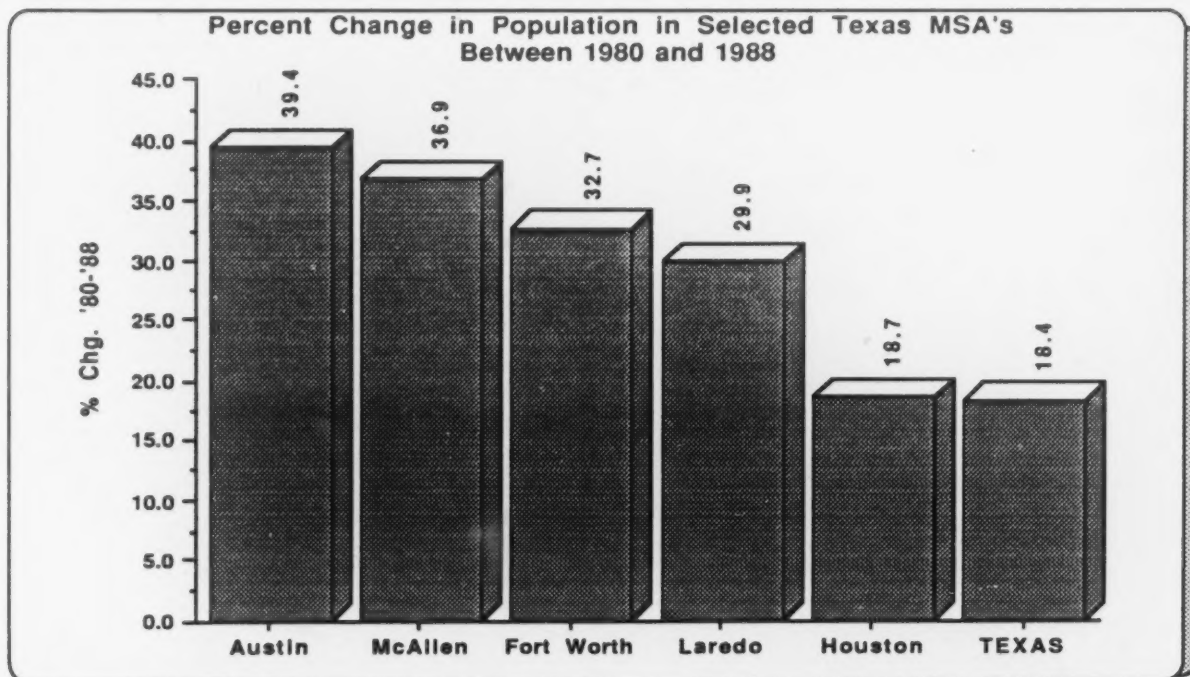
Staffing of private schools and universities pushed Educational Services up by 6,500 in September. Despite the large increase, this segment continued to be over 1,000 jobs below its year-ago level. The

strong advance in Education was offset considerably by three sizeable decreases in other Service sectors, leaving **Services** as a whole up by only 2,400 jobs. The largest of these losses was a seasonal decline in the Other Services and Miscellaneous group. Amusement, including Motion Pictures, dropped over 1,000 jobs as recreation parks began reductions; and Hotels and Other Lodging Places also declined seasonally.

The only other Nonmanufacturing sector which did not record a decline over the month was **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, where a modest increase in the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate segment was offset by an equal-sized drop in Banking, leaving this industry group unchanged in September.

The largest of the decreases occurred in **Wholesale and Retail Trade**, which lost over 8,000 jobs in September. Most of the cutbacks were, however, seasonal in nature. Eating and Drinking Places lost close to 4,000 jobs as the tourist season ended, lowering its employment back to the May 1989 level. General Merchandise Stores and Apparel and Accessory Stores also cut jobs in September.

After three months of moderate gains, **Mining** recorded a sizeable downturn in September, losing 1,500 jobs. Seasonal declines also occurred in **Construction** over the month, with a cutback of 700 jobs.



TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT †

	Sept.'89*	Aug.'89**	Sept.'88**	Chg. from Aug.'89	Chg. from Sept.'89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,808,100	6,776,400	6,682,300	31,700	125,800
MANUFACTURING	968,600	971,300	964,600	-2,700	4,000
Durable Goods	555,700	557,200	557,800	-1,500	-2,100
Lumber & Wood Products	31,900	32,200	34,800	-300	-2,900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,700	6,800	7,200	-100	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	16,200	15,900	16,200	300	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,300	41,700	41,800	-400	-500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	16,900	17,200	17,300	-300	-400
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,700	28,800	-200	-300
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,700	78,000	78,900	-300	800
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	36,800	36,900	36,300	-100	500
Machinery, exc. Electrical	105,400	105,600	105,300	-200	100
Oil Field Machinery	24,200	24,200	25,500	0	-1,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,100	116,600	117,600	-500	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	99,100	99,000	97,700	100	1,400
Aircraft & Parts	57,100	56,900	56,300	200	800
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,800	24,800	24,200	0	600
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,700	14,700	14,500	0	200
Nondurable Goods	412,900	414,100	406,800	-1,200	6,100
Food & Kindred Products	98,400	98,300	98,200	100	200
Meat Products	29,500	29,500	28,800	0	700
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,800	9,700	9,800	100	0
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	59,500	59,200	56,400	300	3,100
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,600	24,900	0	700
Printing & Publishing	74,600	75,200	75,700	-600	-1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,900	35,400	35,900	-500	-1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	78,900	79,600	76,800	-700	2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,300	28,400	29,200	-100	-900
Petroleum Refining	25,200	25,400	25,800	-200	-600
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,100	8,200	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,600	35,800	33,600	-200	2,000
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,839,500	5,805,100	5,717,700	34,400	121,800
Mining	175,800	177,300	183,900	-1,500	-8,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Minr., exc. Fuel	8,800	9,000	9,600	-200	-800
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,000	168,300	174,300	-1,300	-7,300
Construction	317,700	318,400	329,400	-700	-11,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	403,500	404,200	394,800	-700	8,700
Railroad Transportation	18,900	18,900	20,500	0	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	227,000	226,900	216,400	100	10,600
Transportation by Air	70,600	70,500	66,200	100	4,400
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,600	82,000	81,800	-400	-200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,000	76,400	76,100	-400	-100
Electric Services	40,600	41,000	40,700	-400	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,400	27,700	0	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,662,700	1,670,900	1,656,400	-8,200	6,300
Wholesale Trade	417,800	419,600	411,100	-1,800	6,700
Retail Trade	1,244,900	1,251,300	1,245,300	-6,400	-400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,700	44,000	43,200	-300	500
General Merchandise Stores	171,100	172,500	166,200	-1,400	4,900
Food Stores	217,100	216,600	223,400	500	-6,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,300	133,400	138,300	-100	-5,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,600	84,700	83,800	-1,100	-200
Eating & Drinking Places	415,900	419,600	410,500	-3,700	5,400
Other Retail Trade	180,200	180,500	179,900	-300	300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	441,900	441,900	440,100	0	1,800
Banking	97,100	97,500	94,500	-400	2,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,600	144,600	141,000	0	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,200	199,800	204,600	400	-4,400
Services	1,607,600	1,605,200	1,537,200	2,400	70,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	84,700	81,200	-1,000	2,500
Personal Services	85,000	84,600	85,900	400	-900
Business & Repair Services	458,800	458,400	432,000	400	26,800
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	62,200	63,500	57,600	-1,300	4,600
Health Services	442,000	442,300	423,300	-300	18,700
Educational Services	73,800	67,300	74,900	6,500	-1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	402,100	404,400	382,300	-2,300	19,800
Total Government	1,230,300	1,187,200	1,175,900	43,100	54,400
Federal Government	199,500	199,600	195,300	-100	4,200
State Government	253,600	243,200	238,400	10,400	15,200
Local Government	777,200	744,400	742,200	32,800	35,000

† Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,300	53,600	54,000	98,300	99,600	100,100	421,200	421,600	429,100
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,700	3,200	5,600	5,800	5,900	21,700	25,300	24,900
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.9%	5.9%	5.7%	5.8%	5.9%	5.2%	6.0%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	50,100	49,900	50,800	92,700	93,800	94,200	399,500	396,300	404,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,500	165,400	163,400	84,100	86,100	83,500	98,300	103,000	98,500
Total Unemployment	12,700	15,300	16,200	5,500	6,400	6,400	11,100	13,700	12,100
Percent Unemployed	7.9%	9.3%	9.9%	6.5%	7.4%	7.7%	11.3%	13.3%	12.3%
Total Employment ++	148,800	150,100	147,200	78,600	79,700	77,100	87,200	89,300	86,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,900	59,100	58,400	156,800	160,400	157,700	1,443.0	1,474.0	1,467.3
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,800	2,500	12,100	14,200	14,200	75.6	89.1	83.0
Percent Unemployed	3.8%	4.7%	4.3%	7.7%	8.9%	9.0%	5.2%	6.0%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	57,600	56,300	55,900	144,700	146,200	143,500	1,367.4	1,384.9	1,384.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	245,700	248,500	248,600	685,700	708,200	692,500	105,100	109,400	107,900
Total Unemployment	23,900	26,700	28,200	36,800	46,000	42,000	7,500	8,300	9,100
Percent Unemployed	9.7%	10.7%	11.3%	5.4%	6.5%	6.1%	7.1%	7.6%	8.4%
Total Employment ++	221,800	221,800	220,400	648,900	662,200	650,500	97,600	101,100	98,800
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,641.7	1,681.7	1,626.8	95,700	98,300	96,200	49,000	49,500	47,500
Total Unemployment	92.7	108.5	106.4	6,400	7,500	7,500	5,100	5,600	5,700
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	6.5%	6.5%	6.7%	7.6%	7.8%	10.4%	11.3%	12.0%
Total Employment ++	1,549.0	1,573.2	1,520.4	89,300	90,800	88,700	43,900	43,900	41,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,900	81,400	80,200	114,600	116,200	114,600	151,600	153,300	151,200
Total Unemployment	6,200	7,200	6,600	5,100	6,500	5,800	25,900	27,000	26,600
Percent Unemployed	7.9%	8.8%	8.2%	4.5%	5.6%	5.1%	17.1%	17.6%	17.6%
Total Employment ++	72,700	74,200	73,600	109,500	109,700	108,800	125,700	126,300	124,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,600	49,500	49,700	51,500	52,600	53,400	44,500	44,700	45,600
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,300	2,800	4,000	4,900	4,100	2,600	2,700	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	6.7%	5.6%	7.8%	9.3%	7.7%	5.8%	6.0%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	45,800	46,200	46,900	47,500	47,700	49,300	41,900	42,000	42,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	600,900	615,100	611,700	47,400	48,100	49,400	57,500	58,500	57,200
Total Unemployment	41,900	48,700	48,400	2,600	2,800	3,500	3,500	4,100	4,500
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.9%	7.9%	5.5%	5.8%	7.1%	6.1%	7.0%	7.9%
Total Employment ++	559,000	566,400	563,300	44,800	45,300	45,900	54,000	54,400	52,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,300	75,700	74,500	36,400	37,100	36,400	91,900	94,500	93,300
Total Unemployment	5,100	5,600	5,600	2,100	2,400	2,500	4,900	6,400	6,000
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	7.4%	7.5%	5.8%	6.5%	6.9%	5.3%	6.8%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	69,200	70,100	68,900	34,300	34,700	33,900	87,000	88,100	87,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	57,600	57,800				8,265.6	8,452.4	8,340.5
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,700	3,500				521.0	609.7	591.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	6.4%	6.1%				6.3%	7.2%	7.1%
Total Employment ++	53,100	53,900	54,300				7,744.6	7,842.7	7,749.5

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ** Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
 • Preliminary - subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS †

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP.'89	AUG.'89	SEP.'88	SEP.'89	AUG.'89	SEP.'88	SEP.'89	AUG.'89	SEP.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$ 429.48	\$ 424.96	\$ 415.42	41.9	41.5	41.5	\$ 10.25	\$10.24	\$10.01
Durable Goods	430.50	426.36	415.38	42.0	41.8	42.0	10.25	10.20	9.89
Lumber & Wood Products	295.82	289.88	303.60	41.2	40.6	42.7	7.18	7.14	7.11
Furniture & Fixtures	263.55	265.69	272.92	38.7	38.9	39.9	6.81	6.83	6.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	392.92	401.63	393.64	41.8	42.5	42.1	9.40	9.45	9.35
Primary Metal Industries	458.89	463.70	445.46	42.1	41.7	41.4	10.90	11.12	10.76
Fabricated Metal Products	388.24	384.86	382.08	42.2	42.2	42.5	9.20	9.12	8.99
Machinery, exc. Electric	425.63	423.61	427.68	42.1	41.9	43.2	10.11	10.11	9.90
Oil Field Machinery	499.93	499.05	464.81	43.7	43.7	43.4	11.44	11.42	10.71
Electric & Electronic Equip.	492.26	477.77	445.46	42.4	41.8	41.4	11.61	11.43	10.76
Transportation Equipment	575.48	563.64	544.85	43.4	42.7	42.5	13.26	13.20	12.82
Instruments & Related Prod.	400.66	393.16	378.58	40.8	40.2	39.6	9.82	9.78	9.56
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	294.00	286.60	269.18	39.2	39.1	37.7	7.50	7.33	7.14
Nondurable Goods	429.48	423.95	416.56	41.9	41.2	41.0	10.25	10.29	10.16
Food & Kindred Products	363.05	357.79	344.75	43.9	42.9	42.3	8.27	8.34	8.15
Meat Products	291.50	280.69	256.01	44.1	42.4	41.9	6.61	6.62	6.11
Malt Beverages	861.65	773.80	888.86	46.5	42.1	49.0	18.53	18.38	18.14
Textile Mill Products	336.05	329.28	325.16	43.7	43.1	44.3	7.69	7.64	7.34
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	204.91	198.65	194.18	38.3	37.2	36.5	5.35	5.34	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	494.56	491.81	467.20	44.0	43.6	43.1	11.24	11.28	10.84
Printing & Publishing	408.33	401.17	392.56	39.0	38.5	38.6	10.47	10.42	10.17
Chemicals & Allied Products	690.34	680.09	669.38	43.2	42.8	42.5	15.98	15.89	15.75
Petroleum & Coal Products	712.00	687.31	694.32	44.5	43.2	44.0	16.00	15.91	15.78
Petroleum Refining	739.47	710.79	722.92	44.6	43.0	44.0	16.58	16.53	16.43
Leather & Leather Products	245.39	238.34	218.31	39.2	39.2	38.1	6.26	6.08	5.73
Other Nondurable Goods	384.64	396.77	401.46	41.9	42.3	42.8	9.18	9.38	9.38
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	534.48	512.92	496.36	40.8	39.7	39.3	13.10	12.92	12.63
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	569.53	564.53	532.04	47.9	47.4	44.3	11.89	11.91	12.01
Oil & Gas Extraction	531.96	508.30	493.25	40.3	39.1	38.9	13.20	13.00	12.68
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	518.89	517.10	504.98	40.1	39.9	39.7	12.94	12.96	12.72
Elec., Gas & San. Services	507.83	507.06	484.01	40.4	40.5	40.1	12.57	12.52	12.07
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238.20	237.21	230.30	32.9	32.9	32.3	7.24	7.21	7.13
Wholesale Trade	421.08	413.96	399.75	39.8	39.5	39.0	10.58	10.48	10.25
Retail Trade	183.26	183.86	179.38	30.8	30.9	30.3	5.95	5.95	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	182.08	182.40	174.04	29.8	30.0	29.3	6.11	6.08	5.94
Banking	274.54	272.32	268.27	36.9	37.0	36.8	7.44	7.36	7.29

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	\$ 433.05	\$ 433.02	\$ 418.74	41.8	42.0	42.0	\$ 10.36	\$ 10.31	\$ 9.97
Durable Goods	467.57	466.32	443.30	42.7	42.9	42.3	10.95	10.87	10.48
Nondurable Goods	377.74	376.00	378.48	40.4	40.3	41.5	9.35	9.33	9.12
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	465.09	447.70	448.75	41.6	40.7	41.9	11.18	11.00	10.71
Durable Goods	492.40	470.49	469.11	41.8	40.7	42.3	11.78	11.56	11.09
Nondurable Goods	402.68	392.60	400.98	41.3	40.6	41.0	9.75	9.67	9.78
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	523.60	516.03	487.77	44.0	43.4	42.9	11.90	11.89	11.37
Durable Goods	436.01	430.99	410.48	44.4	43.8	43.3	9.82	9.84	9.48
Nondurable Goods	630.32	619.05	583.53	43.5	42.9	42.5	14.49	14.43	13.73
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	306.82	304.67	291.21	40.8	40.3	39.3	7.52	7.56	7.41
Durable Goods	339.90	340.30	313.58	41.3	41.0	39.1	8.23	8.30	8.02
Nondurable Goods	278.76	273.24	271.07	40.4	39.6	39.4	6.90	6.90	6.88

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. † Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Employment in **Transportation and Public Utilities** also decreased by 700 over the month, with losses in Communication and in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services.

Manufacturing continued its downward trend for the third consecutive month, losing 2,700 jobs in September. The decreases were about equal-sized in both Durable and Nondurable Goods, but only the Durable Goods sector was currently below its year-ago level. None of the over-the-month declines in either sector was large.

In **Durable Goods**, the largest downturn was in Electric and Electronic Equipment, which lost 500 jobs. Within **Nondurable Goods**, the biggest decrease was a drop of 700 in Chemicals and Allied Products.

Hours and Earnings Rise

Average Weekly Hours worked by the 629,400 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers in September rose by 0.4 hour, while **Average Hourly Earnings** inched upward by 1¢, pushing **Average Weekly Earnings** up by \$4.52 from the August level.

In mid-September, the average worker was earning \$10.25 per hour for a 41.9-hour work week, and averaging \$429.48 per week. Compared to a year ago, Average Weekly Hours had risen by 0.4 hour.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	SEP '89	SEP '88
Total Population	16,905,400*	16,846,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	309,550	311,425
Total Claims Actions	476,879	495,856
Total Initial Claims Actions	59,758	59,289
Total Conf'd. Claims Actions	417,121	436,567
Total Placements	34,152	33,357
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$152.74	\$149.80
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	\$50,297,069	\$56,441,386

*Revised.

**Regular State UI benefits.

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Abilene	\$952,063
Amarillo	1,724,906
Austin	7,489,229
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,134,313
Brazoria	1,817,887
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,208,997
Bryan-College Station	711,980
Corpus Christi	3,538,035
Dallas	28,089,263
El Paso	5,706,006
Fort Worth-Arlington	13,828,926
Galveston-Texas City	2,272,544
Houston	32,722,669
Killeen-Temple	1,263,681
Laredo	1,101,028
Longview-Marshall	1,962,698
Lubbock	1,326,933
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,655,447
Midland	1,248,313
Odessa	1,559,850
San Angelo	711,827
San Antonio	11,944,990
Sherman-Denison	877,409
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	580,324
Tyler	1,549,588
Victoria	585,887
Waco	1,533,822
Wichita Falls	1,124,635
State of Texas	176,454,865